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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF TELECOM EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production and export of telecom products and equipments during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether export of telecom products and services have declined over the years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any target for export of telecom products and services and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to achieve the same;

(d) whether the capacity of telecom equipment manufacturing of telecom PSUs of the country has declined constantly in the last few years and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the annual turnover in this sector during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and the action taken by the Government to increase the production of telecom equipments by telecom PSU/ PSUs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) The data for production of telecom equipments is not available. The details of production and export of mobile handsets and export of other telecom equipments are as under:

Production and export of mobile handsets in India (Volume In Millions)

Year	2012	2013	2014
Production	155	130	58
Export	85	72.5	14

Source: Indian Cellular Association (ICA)

Year	India`s Export (in INR Crores)
2011-2012	20,775
2012-2013	21,717
2013-2014	20,475

Source: DGCIS (Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics) website

(b) The export of telecom products have slightly declined in the recent years whereas the export of telecom services has increased.

The slight decline in the export of telecom equipments appears due to the shutdown of manufacturing unit of major mobile phone manufacturer and less capability of telecom equipment manufacturing in the country.

(c) No, Madam. The Government has not fixed any target for export of telecom products and services.

(d) & (e) Capacity of ITI's manufacturing of telecom equipments has not declined. However, lack of orders for conventional products has affected its volume of production significantly and the company has become 'sick' since 2004. As regards TCIL, the company is a profit making in the telecom services sector.

The turnover of the telecom equipment sector is not available.
To increase the production of Telecom PSU, the revival package for ITI has been approved by the Government. With the funding support under plan head, the company is gearing up to implement new projects in its plants. The Government's new policies and initiatives, like, National Telecom Policy, National Policy on Electronics, Preferential Market Access Policy, Make in India, Digital

India, Smart Cities etc. are creating conducive environment for domestic manufactures. The thrust towards local manufacturing of defence equipments will also create opportunities for indigenous manufacturing. ITI will utilize these opportunities to improve its performance in manufacturing of telecom equipments.